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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Chief, Budget Division

SUBJECT: A Question Concerning Possible Nuclear Powered Bomber

1. Mr. Ecker stated that Mr. Schaub, Chief of Military Division, Bureau of the Budget, asked if information available to the Agency indicated that the Soviets have a nuclear powered bomber known as the "Bounder." He further indicated that if the Agency had firm evidence on the existence of such an aircraft, Mr. Schaub would like to have a briefing on the subject.

25X1A9A 2. The question was discussed with [REDACTED] who advised that no new evidence had been received since the photograph of late last summer. Subsequently, Mr. [REDACTED] informed me that:

25X1A9A a. There is no new solid evidence concerning the existence of a nuclear powered aircraft.

25X1A9A b. Based on the photographic evidence and the Agency evaluation of this evidence, the [REDACTED] Panel (OSI) was brought together who reviewed the available information and confirmed the Agency conclusions.

25X1A9A c. The Air Force AFIC group met with the Agency, reviewed all the information available including the [REDACTED] Panel determinations, and "reluctantly" concurred in the Agency evaluations.

25X1A9A 3. This information was furnished to Mr. Schaub verbally who indicated that it met his requirements. Mr. [REDACTED] was asked to furnish General Cabell with this information.

25X1A9A [REDACTED]

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